

To whom it may concern:

I have subscribed to satellite radio service through XM Radio for five months now. During that time, I have also continued to listen to both FM and AM broadcast radio in my area. What satellite radio, provides, however, is immediate beneficial information. When you need weather reports, traffic advisories or you want to catch up on the day's news, there is nothing more frustrating than wasting time hoping a radio station will give you what you need. With satellite radio, that information is available instantly. This is especially beneficial in the areas of traffic and weather, as that information can quickly become of no use if you have to wait too long to receive it.

Sometimes we have to pay for convenience or, rather, we choose to pay for convenience. While I don't pay for AM/FM broadcast radio, I have chosen to pay for the service provided by XM Radio. By choosing to pay for this service, I have elected to receive national and global news, financial updates, immediate traffic reports, weather warnings, a variety of music options and sports commentary, just to name a few. Satellite radio provides a number of resources for me personally and for many across the country. Since I pay for these independent services, I hope the satellite providers keep the freedom to offer what their customers need.

Basically, I pay XM Radio because I like what XM offers. Additional legislation or restrictions against the satellite providers inhibits their ability to meet the needs of their paying customers. I would ask that you reject petition 04-160 by the National Association of Broadcasters. XM Radio has been a beneficial addition to my daily life; the immediacy of the information it provides, combined with the targeted content it offers, is a great resource. The proposed restrictions limit the ability of satellite radio to respond to their paying customers requests, which doesn't seem fair to me.

respectfully yours,  
a grateful XM Radio customer,

Charles E. Fulcher Jr.